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Happy Father's Day

Though it may not get quite as much attention as Mother's Day, this is a very important day for recognizing the contributions and hard work of our fathers and letting them know how much we love and appreciate them. Fathers, by God's design, have a very important role in the home. They are instructed and commanded to be the physical and spiritual leader of the family. Their influence and example should lead the family in its faithfulness to God. In Ephesians 6:4, we read, "*And you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*" Notice that this command is addressed to fathers. That's certainly not to say that mothers do not have a vitally important part in that process and responsibility as well, but it is the father who has the God-given responsibility of making sure that godly training and teaching take place in the home. What a great and sobering task that is!

We are very blessed in this congregation with a wonderful group of young people who have a love for God and a desire to serve Him faithfully. The main reason for that is that we have godly fathers and mothers who are working hard to teach and train their children. We are blessed with many men and fathers who take their role and responsibilities very seriously. They are involved with their children and with the church. They are leading their families by example. They, along with their wives, are striving to train their children to someday be the Christian men and women that God would have them to be. Fathers, thank you for your strength, example, and leadership. Thank you for your strong Christian character. Thank you for your dedication to the Lord and His church. And thank you for your determination to be what God would have you to be.

Today, and every day, let those special men in your life know how much you love and appreciate them for all that they do for you and your family. And especially if your father has provided you with an example and pattern of faith and godliness, let him know how much you appreciate His leadership and guidance. There is no greater gift that you can give to him than to follow that example through your own life of faithfulness. Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers!

Chase Park Church of Christ Ministers Rusty Hills Pulpit Andrew Lamica Youth Minister Elders John Denney Curtis Hill Sam Kachelman Dennis Lawson Greg Parker Barry Todd Missionaries Jaime Mendoza Chalco, Mexico Liborio Encarnacion. Ecatepec, Mexico Slava SavkovskyUkraine Barton Kizer..... Peru Dewayne Tapscott Southwest

To Our Guests

We are so pleased and honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Chase Park is a wonderful Christian family, devoted to serving God through our lives and work. We are excited to share our love for Christ with others and we are thankful to have the opportunity to meet you and to have you join us for worship.

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As we worship together today, our desire is to worship God according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to Him. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guest. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please ask us. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.

Lamications—Andrew Lamica

It is time to start gearing up for our summer mission trip! This year we will head to the Georgia coastline to a small town named Darien. Darien is located approximately 50 miles south of Savannah. Our mission trip will be from July 8—13.

The Darien congregation is a church plant which was started with only two people, Marty and his wife. As of today, the Darien church has about 40 members.

While in Darien, we will be assisting the congregation there with a door knocking campaign and a Vacation Bible School. Darien and the preacher there, Marty Broome, are supported by the Jacksonville congregation and we will be working side by side with them on this campaign.

The door knocking is being done in support of the gospel meeting which is being conducted by Allen Webster, the preacher at the Jacksonville congregation and editor of House to House.

Our teens will be taking the lead on VBS and will be in charge of puppets, Bible classes, crafts, and more. This is an excellent growth opportunity for our young people. That being said, there is a lot of work to be done between now and the time we head to Darien. Even if you are not able to make the trip this year, your help is needed in preparation for the trip.

The mission trip this year is open to 7th-12th grades. It is my hope that as many of our teens as possible will be able to participate. It has been my experience that when we involve ourselves in mission work we are blessed as much as if not more than those we help. It is a very rewarding experience.

We will need adult chaperones as well. At least one female chaperone is required to ensure we can make the trip. A mission trip is a great way for our adults at Chase Park to get to know our outstanding young people. Please let me know if you can help.

The sign-up deadline for the mission trip will be June 25. Please let me know ASAP if you plan on being a part of it. We will prep for the VBS and the trip the last week of June during the day and possibly the evenings as well. If you are planning on being a part of the trip you should plan to help with the prep work. Looking forward to a great opportunity in Darien!

Evangelism Made Personal—Success

Now Mark Copeland presents some "perspectives" that are especially crucial to maintaining a high level of enthusiasm and persistence in evangelism. From "The Parable of the Sower" and elsewhere in the Scriptures we can learn some more things that can help:

• Remove the discouragement and prevent the apathy that paralyzes so many today.

• Instill enthusiasm in serving as laborers in the vineyard of the Lord! The parable itself is found in Lk. 8:4-8, and the explanation is found in Lk.8:11-15. The first principle we can glean from this parable is that...THE POWER IS IN THE SEED (WORD)!

The "Word of God" has always been capable of influencing people, accomplishing its intended purpose (Isa. 55:10-11). As the author of Hebrews wrote, it is both "alive and powerful" (Heb. 4:12). This is especially true of the gospel of Christ, the "power of God unto

salvation" (Rom. 1:16).

If people are going to be truly converted, it will not be through smooth speech or fancy presentations involving "hi-tech" equipment, but through the life-changing truth of the gospel. We can certainly use modern aids to present the gospel, but we must make sure that they are faithfully communicating the Word.

But even when we plant the proper seed, we often do not see the desired results. Understanding the reason why helps one to maintain the right perspective...THE RESULTS DE-**PEND UPON THE TYPE OF SOIL!** In the Parable of The Sower, we see that the same seed, when sown, produced different results. One result was no reaction whatsoever. Two others had only temporary success. Only one out of the four resulted in bearing fruit! Where lies the blame? Upon the SEED? No! Upon the SOWER? No! Upon the TYPE OF SOIL? Yes! This illustrates where the area of responsibility lies. The SOWER fulfills his responsibility by sowing the seed (Eze. 3:17-19). If the SOIL rejects the seed, the soil is responsible; the sower should not feel accountable (Mt. 10:14-15; Ac. 13:44-46). The positive implication is this: Every time we sow the seed, we are successful! If a person rejects it, we have not failed, they have! We need to learn the JOY of sharing the Word for its own sake! There is joy in sharing Christ with others!

Another significance of this principle concerns our **Goals**. They should center on how many are being taught, not converted! Too often, we make the number of baptisms (conversions) the measure of success or even faithfulness on the part of the teacher. But even the most faithful teachers may find themselves in circumstances like Jeremiah or Jesus, where very few people gave heed to their message. Shall we count them failures? Rather, let us count them faithful, if they have faithfully sowed the seed!

Your Elders

News Of Interest

Sick

River City Rehab (1350 14th Avenue, SE; Decatur, AL 35601) Sarah Irwin

Barfield Health Care (22444 Hwy. 431; Guntersville, AL 35976)

George Landman, (Mac Landman's father)

Home: Bennie Jacks, Dwight Steele, Joe and **Gladys Parker.**

Sympathy

We express sympathy to the family of Jan Adams in her death. Jan was a previous member at Memorial Parkway.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m. Speaker: Michael Sims Song Leader: Ray Brown

Hospital Visitation

Team #3 (Suddarth), please pick vour up assignments today following evening worship.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, June 21. No lunch.

VBS Saturday, June 24, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Sunshine Gang Activity

Trip to Marvin's Restaurant, Fayetteville, Tennessee, Friday, June 23, for lunch. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Little Leaders

Sunday, June 25, 4:45-5:00 p.m., young boys will lead a song to those who are gathered in the auditorium.

Talents Re-organization Dinner

Sunday, June 25 after p.m. service. Meat will be provided. Sign up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Ladies Night Out

Diane Cox

Steve Watson

Katie Lawrence

Betty Meadows

Eddie Albright

Kyleigh Jones

Jane Fanning

Clara Harmon

Pam Almo

Dave Clark

Bobby Corder

Russ Edwards

Rick Rosenblum

Gladys Tipton

Cloved Steelman

Rhonda Rosenblum

Frances Counselman

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Monday, June 26, 6:00 p.m., at home of Dianne Maddox. Sign-up sheet and menu at Hospitality Desk.

July Birthdays

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Balance Class

Tues., June 20; Thurs., June 22; 1:30 p.m.

Family Care Program

Teams will not meet today because of Father's Teams I and J will meet with Teams A Day. and C on Sunday, June 25. Team I Leaders: John Adams, Brian Peacock, Tom Pond; Team J Leaders: Greg Cothren, Ben Hand; Team A Leaders: Andrew Lamica, McDonald, Weslev Tim Row. Stephen Trammell; Team C Leaders: Don Champion, Mac Landman.

Pantry Item

Canned vegetable soups.



Barbara Johnson

- 23 **Ruth Bridges**
- Jerry Dugan 24 Lena Rosenblum Janet England
- Jessica Breeden
- **Michelle Heady** 25 Helen Barker
- **Carl Harris**
- 27 **Tina Jones**
- 28 **Rhonda Hogan**
- 29 Martha Ferguson
- 30 Ben Hand
- **Brannon Emperley** 31 Nathan Hill
 - **Donnie Sharp**

Questions from the Master Teacher 2017 Midweek Summer Series

June 21

"What do you want Me to do for you?"

Matthew 20:32

Guest Speaker: Allen Webster



Jacksonville Church of Christ Jacksonville, Alabama

A question about our expectations of Jesus

During Jesus' ministry, people followed Him for many different reasons. Some were simply curious about this man who was causing such a stir; others were fascinated by His teaching and by the mighty works that He performed; still others had physical needs that they hoped He would miraculously provide. Then there were the sincere and devoted followers who truly believed in Him, wanted to learn from Him, and placed their hope in Him for eternal life. Our current world is no different. Among those who believe in Jesus, there are many different reasons why and many different expectations that people have of Him. When we make the decision to become followers of Christ, what do we expect from that relationship? I hope that you will be here on Wednesday night as Allen Webster leads us in a study of this question and topic.

Statistics

Sunday, Jun	ne 11, 2017
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AM Worship 379
Month Average359
Bible Class
PM Worship256
Wed., June 14, Bible Classes 289
Regency Ret. Worship NC
Offering\$17,039.10
Budget\$18,000
Average '17 \$17,913
Under Budget for year\$2,094
Building Fund\$300.00

Services

Sunday

Worship	9:00 a.m.
Bible Class	10:15 a.m.
Worship	5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Super Seniors1	0:00	a.m.
Bible Class	6:30	p.m.

Web Site Home Bible Studies https://www.cpcofc.org/home-bible-studies (Lesson 1 Link) The Bible—God's Holy Word